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HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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BRANCHES OF IIT IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether several foreign countries have requested the Government for setting up a branch of Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) in their country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the decision taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a): Yes,Sir.

(b) & (c): The Government have received communications from the Governments of Singapore and Syria and also from one M/s TECOM Investments,Dubai,requesting for setting up of IITs/IIT campuses in their countries.Presently there is a substantial shortage of faculty in the existing seven IITs.Besides,the Government have decided to establish eight new IITs in the country during XIth Plan period,of which six have already started functioning under mentoring of the existing IITs.This would further strain the IITs' limited manpower and other resources.As the overriding priority of the IIT system has to be domestic expansion while maintaining its standards,it would not be possible to set up an IIT or its campus abroad at this stage.